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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND REPORT, KIM, SUNG CHAE AND LEE, SOON AE

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1. MADE PLANT VISIT NOVEMBER 21 TO TONG YANG INDUSTRIAL CO.,
I.P.O. BOX 2289, SEOUL, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. MR KIM, SUNG CHAE IS PRESIDENT OF TONG YANG, ESTABLISHED IN
FEBRUARY 1970 AS A JOINT VENTURE WITH MR. SHU, JI WON, YONGER
BROTHER OF MR. SUH, TAE WON, A KOREAN RESIDENT IN THE U.S.
MANUFACTURES EYELASHES MAINLY FOR EXPORT.

3. MR. KIM, 29 YEARS OLD, SINGLE, STATES THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED
BY HWAIL INDUSTRIAL COMPANY, LOCAL MANUFACTURER OF EYELASHES
(NOW CLOSED) FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS (1965-67), AS PLANT MANAGER.
SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT 1968-70 WITH SIBEL PRODUCTS, INC.,
A JOINT VENTURE TO MANUFACTURE EYELASHES BETWEEN A KOREAN FIRM
AND RHEEMONDE INTERNATIONAL CORP., LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK,
AS SECTION CHIEF, QUALITY CONTROL DEPT.

4. MISS LEE, SOON AE, 24 YEARS OLD, SINGLE, HAS BEEN WITH MR. KIM FOR
ABOUT FIVE YEARS, TWO YEARS AS INSPECTOR, FEATHERING INSPECTION
SECTION, SIBEL PRODUCTS, AND THREE YEARS AS SUPERVISOR WITH TONG YANG.

5. MR. KIM PLANS TO TURN OVER PLANT OWNERSHIP TO MR. SUH, HIS
PARTNER, IF HE ASSUMES POSITION AS CONTRACT EMPLOYEE IN HAITI.

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